

**Task: 316 (a) and (b) Merrimack Station Response Review**

Review responses to comments provided by EPA that involve interpretations of statistical data and analyses, and sampling methodology related to 316 (a) and 316 (b) portions of Merrimack Station's draft NPDES permit. Identify errors or inconsistencies in both EPA's and commenter's analyses, and provide options for improving accuracy and substance to EPA's responses, if needed.

Evaluate the accuracy and thoroughness of responses to comments provided by EPA related to the effects of heat, pollution, entrainment, and/or impingement on specific fish or other aquatic species, interactions with other species, and the broader aquatic community. Identify errors or inconsistencies in both EPA's and commenters' analyses, and provide options for improving accuracy and substance to EPA's responses, if needed. Provide additional supporting information, as needed, through literature searches, or expert opinion.

**ESTIMATED LOE:**

Conference calls: 10 hours

Review and comment on analyses: 120 hours

Develop written recommendations: 40 hours

Total ESTIMATED LOE: 170 hours